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SUBJ: PP FOR MAURITAINA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SELIBABY)

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 1868

CDO/BAMA KO HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY DOCUMENTATION ON SUBJECT PROJECT
BUT BASED ON OWN EXPERIENCE IN MALIAN CONTEXT HAS FOLLOWING
COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS TO OFFER:

1. STRONGLY URGE THAT PROJECT BE IMPLEMENTED BY SINGLE CONTRACTOR
(PARA 33) EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE BODY SHOP USING SUBCONTRACTORS.
THIS WILL GREATLY EASE PROBLEM OF PROJECT MONITORING AND
CONTRACT SUPERVISION.

2. KEEP RURAL SOCIOLOGIST (PARA 28)- OUR EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT
THEY ARE VERY USEFUL. GOM HAS ALSO BECOME INTERESTED IN SOCIO-
LOGICAL MONITORING OF ITS LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. WE ARE
NOW ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TWO SOCIOLOGISTS (LEWIS/GRAYZEL) FOR
TWO-YEAR CONTRACTS TO WORK IN MALI LIVESTOCK SECTOR.

3. SUGGEST YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED MAJOR INPUT OF AGRICULTURE
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AND/OR CIVIL ENGINEER (PARA 21). WE HAVE BEEN HEAVY USERS OF

REDSO/WA SERVICES IN THIS TECHNICAL AREA. IF SUCH ENGINEER IS INCLUDED IN CONTRACT TEAM IT MAY WELL BENEFIT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

4. RETAIN PROJECT EMPHASIS ON PRODUCTION--ALTHOUGH ALL PRODUCTION PROJECTS NECESSARILY INVOLVE ASPECTS OF ADAPTIVE RESEARCH, OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WILL ITSELF PUSH TO INCLUDE NECESSARY RESEARCH IN PRODUCTION PROJECTS ONCE THEY ARE AWARE THAT PROJECT IS NOT GOING TO BE "JUST ANOTHER STUDY."

5. APPEARS THAT ISSUE OF GIRM CONTRIBUTION (PARA 8) ESPECIALLY CONCERNING "FREE" LABOR AND "DONATED" CATTLE SUBJECT OF UNDEFINED PROMISES MADE TO PP TEAM. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT THESE "VAGUE PROMISES" SOMETIMES ARE BASED ON SOCIOLOGICAL FABRIC WHICH MAY CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN THE SURFACE WOULD INDICATE. SUGGEST YOU EXPLORE THIS THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITH FALL BACK BEING AID FUNDING.

6. SUGGEST CATTLE BREEDING INITIATIVE (PARA 21) BE DE-EMPHASIZED BREEDING IS EXTREMELY LONG-TERM AND VERY DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF A BROAD RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND OUR LIVESTOCK ADVISORS RECOMMEND COMMENCING ACTIVITIES WITH INDIGENOUS BREEDS.

7. SUGGEST THAT THROUGHOUT ANY RESTRUCTURING OF PP, CDO/NOUAKCHOTT ATTEMPT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AT THE CDO LEVEL TO ADAPT AND ADJUST PROJECT CONTENT AND TIMING BECAUSE INCREASING EXPERIENCE IN THE SECTOR MAY LEAD CDO AND GIRM TO REDESIGN PROJECT ELEMENTS TO BETTER ACHIEVE PROJECT OBJECTIVES. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE IN CONTEXT OF SAHEL DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING.

8. HOPE THESE COMMENTS USEFUL, GOOD LUCK.

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